



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234-6000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

MCHO-CL-Q

18 April 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Medical Command Policy on Basic Life Support (BLS) or Higher Level Training Courses

1. As of 1 October 1999, all health care personnel assigned to duties involving the provision of patient care must have current BLS training and certification. Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or other advanced certification does not supersede BLS completion.
2. Commanders may grant exceptions to this requirement on a case-by-case basis for individuals such as part-time civilian consultants and faculty members. Said exceptions must be documented.
3. This memorandum supersedes memorandum, HQ MEDCOM, MCHO-CL-C, 13 March 2001, subject as above.
4. The point of contact is the Deputy Director, Quality Management Division, Health Policy and Services, DSN 471-6195 or commercial (210) 221-6195.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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